

ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE MISFORTUNE

With the Democratic Party the Beneficiary and the Water Board the Victim Falls.

L. G. STAIB ELECTED MEMBER

Of the Water Board Last Night at a Joint Session of the City Legislature.

The joint session of the two branches of the city council last night was remarkable for the attempt of two members of the Democratic minority, aided and abetted by some of their fellows, to make capital out of the misfortunes of the water board during the past three days of break-downs and water famine. It was to the credit of Mayor Sweeney that he concurred in the point that even if criticism of the board were deserved, the joint session was not the place for airing it. As a matter of fact, citizens generally commend the board. Superintendent Oliver and the employees of the water works department generally for the zeal and ability with which they have negotiated successfully the many difficulties that have befallen their path this week, and council would hardly have had the temerity to go on record as a capitalizer of misfortune.

In the second branch there were twenty-one members present and only six absentees. President Maxwell in the chair; in the first branch the members present numbered nine, and the absentees seven, Mayor Sweeney presiding.

City Clerk's Report.
The report of City Clerk O'Brien, showing appropriations, expenditures and balances, was as follows:

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Board of public works.....	\$24,751.54	2,928.42	\$21,823.12
Police.....	26,588.78	10,146.59	16,442.19
Fire department.....	37,000.00	16,230.56	20,769.44
Health department.....	12,000.00	7,781.76	4,218.24
Markets.....	2,000.00	1,504.61	505.39
Police.....	2,000.00	1,504.61	505.39
City prison.....	5,000.00	2,470.00	2,530.00
Scales and.....	500.00	218.90	281.10
Weighing.....	2,500.00	781.01	1,718.99
Cemeteries.....	500.00	450.41	49.59
Salaries.....	11,783.00	5,335.90	5,947.10
Contingent.....	20,000.00	12,460.44	7,539.56
Compromise loan.....	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
Loan of 1881.....	11,502.50	11,502.50	0.00
City water board.....	115,474.34	29,282.34	86,192.00
City gas works.....	107,525.00	69,825.00	37,700.00
Loan of 1885.....	21,700.00	21,700.00	0.00
Collection of taxes.....	3,000.00	524.76	2,475.24
Main street bridge loan.....	2,772.50	2,772.50	0.00
Main street bridge loan, 2d series.....	6,770.00	6,770.00	0.00
Electric light.....	990.00	990.00	0.00
Totals.....	\$443,678.53	\$192,575.31	\$251,103.22

J. K. Hall, collector, has paid to A. H. Forgy, receiver, the following amounts to July 24:

50-cent levy.....	\$14,451.17
10-cent levy.....	2,447.58

Bills Ordered Paid.
Health committee.....\$316.00
Real estate.....103.10
Scales committee.....147.75
Total.....\$566.85

Appointments Confirmed.
The committee on police reported the following appointments by Police Chief Clemens:

Regular—A. Goering.
Extraman—H. Hecker.
The appointments were confirmed.

To Insure for \$40,000.
The real estate committee was empowered to insure the city building for \$40,000, at a premium cost of \$800.

The Liquor Applications.
The committee on petitions and remonstrances reported the following applications for coffee house licenses:

Thomas McLaughlin, 6 Sixteenth street; Geiger & Drebus, transfer of August Huseman's license at 2205 Main street; Charles McGavin, transfer of Herman Coss' license, at 401 Main street; Fred Knuth, Fortieth and Jacob streets; E. H. Kurtz, 1515 Main street; Otto Fish, 39 Eighteenth street; Minnie Secker, 1028 Market street; J. B. Wilkie, 9 Sixteenth street; W. O. Walker, 1125 Water street; F. J. Helsel, 2004 and 2006 Main street; George A. Landmesser & Co., 1044 Market street; Richard Wilkie, 1923 Main street; C. F. Blery, 1032 Market street.

President Maxwell ruled that the applications must go to the committee on petitions and remonstrances after their first introduction to the second branch. Solicitor Boyce, called upon for his opinion, said that the action of the president pro tem of the second branch at the last meeting of council in allowing reconsideration, was illegal.

The applications of the several "rejected ones" were declared recommitted to the committee on petitions and remonstrances.

Licenses were granted to McLaughlin, Geiger & Drebus, Charles McGavin and Fred Knuth, these not coming under the ruling.

At this stage, President Maxwell said certain people had endeavored to coerce him into complicity toward certain liquor license applications, one man having gone so far as to withdraw patronage from the wholesale establishment with which he (the chair) was connected. "But they have not coerced me and they never will," said the chair in conclusion.

Ordinance Committee.
The committee on ordinances reported tabling a resolution changing the rate of hauling night soil from seventy-five cents to \$1 a barrel. Other resolutions were filed on recommendation of the committee.

Speed of Automobiles.
Mr. Marschner introduced a resolution for the regulation of speed of automobiles.

mobiles; referred to the committee on ordinances.

A Miniature Reservoir.
A resolution for a ten-barrel tank at the Eoff street spring, in the Second ward, introduced by Mr. Milligan, was passed. It instructs the water board to erect such a tank.

To Improve Sixteenth Street.
Mr. Healy's resolution for repaving or repairing Sixteenth street between Eoff street and Alley G, was referred to the board of public works.

To Look Into Titles.
Mr. Fair's resolution that the city engineer, solicitor and committee on equalization and appeals investigate the titles of certain alleys that have been fenced in by property owners, was passed.

The Union Label.
Mr. Milligan's resolution that the printers' union label be placed on all printed matter bought by the city was passed.

A New Sewer.
The resolution of Messrs. Fair and Beckett for a new sewer near the Cathedral was passed. The money comes out of the contingent fund.

An Arc Lamp.
Residents of the Eighth ward petitioned for an electric arc lamp at Fortieth and Wetzel streets, and it was ordered put in by the gas board on motion by Councilman Marschner.

Staib Elected.
At 9 o'clock council went into joint session to choose the successor of the late A. M. Weidenschuch as member of the city water board. Mayor Sweeney and President Maxwell presided; members present numbered ten first branchers and twenty-three second branchers. Mr. Gartley (Dem.) nominated L. G. Staib, and Mr. Miller (Rep.) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Healy wanted to call upon the entire water board to resign.

Mr. Waterhouse asked if a motion calling for the resignation of the water board would be in order. It was not.

Mr. F. C. Caldwell moved that the board be congratulated upon the fact that an able fellow member is about to join them. Of course the motion was declared out of order.

Mr. Staib was without opposition elected a member of the water board, and the joint session dissolved.

At 9:10 p. m. council adjourned.

COTTS CASE.

Partial Hearing of the New Trial Motion Yesterday Before Judge Melvin—State Asks for Time to Secure Additional Rebutting Affidavits.

Marshall county circuit court was in session yesterday at Mountville, with Judge Melvin on the bench. The arguments for a new trial on the case of the state against Lester McCullum, were made and the case submitted.

The defense in the Cotts case presented additional affidavits to prove that the jury had been separated and that conversations had been held with different members of the jury. An affidavit was also presented to the court that is said to have been made by the man from whom Mr. Cotts alleges he got the alleged forged note. It agrees with the statement made by Cotts during the trial.

The state objected to the affidavit being admitted and asked for further time in which to secure additional affidavits in rebuttal. The court granted the request and the case is continued until some future date not yet decided upon. However, it is presumed that the case will be finished this week.

GENERAL LAXNESS

In the Handling of Cuban Funds by Neely—All Had Access to the Safe. Doors Never Locked.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The hearing in the case of Charles W. Neely was continued to-day, with George Marshall, of the finance department in Cuba, on the witness stand.

United States District Attorney Burnett, of the prosecution, paid particular attention to the fact that the safe, which contained whatever funds were in the postoffice had its outer door always opened, and that there was a general laxness about handling the funds.

John D. Lindsay, of the defense, brought out in cross examination the fact that the employees of the office all had access to the safe, as well as the employees of the money order bureau, who kept their money order blanks in the safe. Several employees had access to the safe; the door was never locked and the moneys were placed in three drawers in plain view and of easy access.

William Hoffman, assistant cashier of the North American Trust Company, verified numerous deposits made with his company by Mr. Neely.

Major Eugene F. Ladd, treasurer of the Island of Cuba, the next witness, verified deposits made by him.

Aged Citizen Dies.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., July 24.—M. M. Comerford, aged seventy-eight, one of the largest property owners, and a highly respected citizen of this place, died at Mountain Lake Park to-day. His death was due to troubles incident to old age. He had gone there about a month ago for the benefit of his health. He conducted a drug store here for many years, became wealthy and retired from business. A widow and three children survive him.

Gardner Sentenced to Death.

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, July 21.—Richard Gardner, colored, who narrowly escaped lynching last month, on account of the assaulting and murdering of Ethel Long, was to-day sentenced to death and the motion for a new trial was overruled.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by K. H. Lat, 1010 Main street, Chas. Menckmeller, corner Market and Twenty-second streets, druggists.

RASK GETS ELEVEN RECRUITS

For the United States Marine Service, Who Were Taken to Pittsburgh Tuesday Afternoon.

MARINES ARE DISTINGUISHING

Themselves in China—Recruits Appear to Prefer the Marine Corps to the Regular Army.

Eleven men were enlisted yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant O. H. Rask, of the United States Marine Corps, at the local recruiting office, in the Reilly block. To an Intelligencer reporter Lieutenant Rask said yesterday afternoon:

"I am very agreeably surprised at the way we are getting men in Wheeling. They are coming in steadily from all around the country, and they are a splendid lot of men. The trouble in China is attracting many men who are anxious to experience active service."

"I was in New York last Sunday and saw the Fifth battalion of marines set off. They were a fine lot of men. There were four companies of 125 men each. They will probably land in China. Among them were some men enlisted by me here at Wheeling."

"True to their old record, the marines have distinguished themselves in China already, the latest feat being the storming of a fort and the capture of thirteen large guns, rifles and ammunition by a mere handful of ten American marines and twenty Welsh Fusiliers under the United States Marine Corps."

"I am now back at my old station in Pittsburgh, Colonel Russell, having relieved me at Philadelphia. This will enable me to visit Wheeling twice a week. Besides I may have offices at Youngstown, O., and Cleveland, O., as those places have been recommended by Colonel Russell."

Many Recruits.

"Recruits are coming in very fast. During the past ten days I have enlisted ninety-two men. Our service is very popular with the people. In the towns where there are army recruiting offices, we always get more men than the army."

"The Marine Corps is fast being filled up. The full strength is about 6,000 men and we now need only about 750 to fill the full quota."

"There are rumors around Washington to the effect that 1,000 more marines will be sent to China soon. The reason for this is that the marine is so adaptable to the service there. He is just as much at home on sea as he is on land and he can be used as an infantry man or artillery man. He is an expert in signaling and does not look dubious when set to work as a sapper. As Rudyard Kipling has it:

"There isn't a thing on the face of the earth the beggar don't know nor do; You can leave 'im at night on a bald man's head to puddle 'is own canoe. Since he has been here last, Lieut. Rask has been promoted to a first lieutenant. This was brought about by a recent order of the secretary of the navy, which promoted twenty-four first lieutenants to captains and forty second lieutenants to first lieutenants."

The men enlisted yesterday were sent away to the navy yard at Philadelphia at once.

Those Who "Listed."

The eleven who have enlisted in the Marine Corps at the local recruiting office and departed for Pittsburgh with Lieutenant Rask yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, are the following:

William Sherman Penn, of Hendrysburg, Ohio.
Frank Mahan Russell, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alvin H. McMasters, of Bellaire, O.
Harry S. Ferguson, of Wheeling.
William A. Cranford, of Clifton, W. Va.

George Morris Young, of Wheeling.
Charles Mason Conley, of Boaler Station, W. Va., late of the First West Virginia Volunteers.

Thomas H. Raymond, of San Monica, California.

Daniel Conklin, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Elmer Denham, of Barton, Ohio.

John Altsch, of Summerton, Pa.

These were pronounced as fine a lot of men as the recruiting officers had ever secured, both Lieutenant Rask and Corporal Boyer joining in this estimate. They were recruited here between July 16 and 23.

THE RAILROADS.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph claims it is in a position to state authoritatively that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has secured the majority of the preferred stock of the Pittsburgh & Western railroad, and within three months the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will assume control of the property. This information comes from one of the high officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and there is no question about the authenticity of it.

For several years past the Baltimore & Ohio has been trying to secure the control of the road, although they have a traffic arrangement which is said to be satisfactory. As is well known there have been several attempts to sell the road under the hammer by the holders of the bonds and the Baltimore & Ohio had most of the bonds. The road was up for sale a number of times, but there was always a hitch and it is said the hitch came from the fact that the Baltimore & Ohio did not own a majority of the preferred stock. For a long time they have been after the control of this stock, but they did not secure it until Monday.

It is said that by October 1 the Baltimore & Ohio people will have control of the road and that the securing of the majority of the preferred stock will do away with the necessity of a public sale. The Pittsburgh & Western railroad is in excellent shape and has been on the upward course ever since Thomas M. King was appointed receiver. When he took hold of the road it could hardly be called a railroad. There were curves, tunnels and all sorts of things that made it the laughing stock of the

country. Mr. King started to work on it and for years he kept at it until today it is one of the best railroads in the country.

Eastbound Freight.

Under the new pooling arrangement the Erie road carried more grain to the east last week than any other line. The Grand Trunk secured the second largest share and the Nickel Plate the third. The Pennsylvania's Fort Wayne line secured the largest share of the flour traffic, but the Baltimore & Ohio had an unusually heavy traffic. The provision business was quite equitably divided, the Wabash getting the largest share and the Fort Wayne line the smallest. From the previous week there was a decrease in grain and provision shipments, but an increase in flour traffic.

Oil on Roadbeds.

The first western railroad to use crude oil on its roadbeds to prevent dust flying and secure other desirable results is the Chicago & Alton. In the dustiest places along the road, over a combined distance of about seventy-five miles, the oil has been applied, and if the test is satisfactory the entire roadbed will be oiled. A low grade of crude oil is used, and 2,000 gallons are required for each mile of track. It is claimed that amount of oil will keep the track free from dust and weeds for one year. Many eastern railroads have experimented with oil on the roadbed, some liking it and others discontinuing its use. Regarding the use of oil on roadbeds, President Tuttle, of the Boston & Maine, says: "We have had great success with the use of oil or residuum on our roadbeds, and have contracted for 1,000,000 gallons for use on the roads this year. The material is not inflammable, and in connection with the burning of coke on our passenger engines in place of soft coal makes travelling conditions almost perfect. Under our system of oiling the roadbed we have to go over the road once a year for three years, after which time the roadbed is in perfect condition, so far as dust and overgrowth is concerned, and requires no further attention. It cost us \$300 a mile of double track for each oiling, or a total cost of \$600 a mile of double track for three years' attention, but I believe this expenditure is more than offset by the lack of hot boxes caused by sand getting in the bearings, the labor for removing weeds and other growth, etc., not taking into consideration the greater comfort to passengers."

The Terminal's Officers.

The stockholders' meeting of the Wheeling Terminal Railway Company occurred here yesterday, and the following directors were elected: James McCrea, Joseph Wood, J. T. Brooks and L. L. Gilbert, of Pittsburgh, and W. P. Hubbard, of Wheeling. The directors elected these officers:

President, Joseph Wood, of Pittsburgh.

Vice president, James McCrea, of Pittsburgh.

Secretary, S. B. Liggett, of Pittsburgh.

Treasurer, T. H. B. McKnight, of Pittsburgh.

Auditor, John W. Renner, of Pittsburgh.

To Atlantic City.

The second Baltimore & Ohio excursion to Atlantic City will be run out of Wheeling to-morrow, and Passenger Agent Burke expects to book about 200 excursionists, making this the largest excursion of the season to the seashore.

KILLED HER CHILD

And Then Suicided—Wife of a Once Wealthy Business Man.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 24.—An investigation by the police of the death last night of Mrs. Charles Marchand and her six-year-old daughter, proved conclusively that the woman gave the child carbolic acid and then committed suicide. The husband, who was taken into custody after the double death, was released to-day. Marchand came here from Cleveland, where at one time he was quite wealthy. He formerly owned the Euclid Avenue opera house in that city, and is said to have been a boyhood companion and friend of Senator Hanna and Frank Rockefeller. Marchand's fortune has entirely disappeared. He has been twice married and has a daughter in Brooklyn. The woman who committed the double crime last night was, before her marriage, Miss Mary Rogers, of Minneapolis, and her family is said to be wealthy.

Found Dead in a Skiff.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 24.—John Camm, aged fifty-five, was found dead afloat in his skiff in Lake Bay to-day, a terrible wound in the side from a charge of buckshot being the cause of death. The authorities are convinced that he was killed by a watchman while engaged in stealingysters from a private bed in the bay. An inquest will be held and an effort made to fix the responsibility for the homicide.

Given the Wrong Medicine.

SCRANTON, Pa., July 24.—Mrs. John Evans, who was married only a week ago, was given exallic acid in mistake for epsom salts to-day by her father, in an effort to relieve her of a temporary illness. She probably will die. The terrible mistake is said by the family to have been made by the druggist who sold the medicine.

Leave for Fort Snelling.

NEW YORK, July 24.—A train carrying six companies of the Eighth Infantry just from Cuba, left on the New York Central railroad to-day for Fort Snelling, Minn., where they will recruit for foreign service.

Tried to Save Another.

YORK, Pa., July 24.—While trying to save a twelve-year-old boy from drowning, Griffith W. Hughes, a quarryman, jumped into a quarry pond at Delta this afternoon, and both were drowned.

Suicided by Hanging.

LANCASTER, Pa., July 24.—Henry Griffith, forty-five years old, of Lancaster, this county, committed suicide to-day by hanging himself in his garret. Despondency was the cause.

Fell From an Electric Light Pole.

SCRANTON, Pa., July 24.—William Davis, while climbing an electric light pole at Dunmers to-day, was overcome by the heat and falling, was killed by a fracture of his skull.

McFADDEN'S.

For.....

YOUR NEXT TRIP.

Cool Traveling Caps 25c.
Thin, Cool Underwear 48c.
Pretty Soft Front Shirts 48c.
Valises and Trunks 50c, 75c.
Strong Trunks for \$3.48, \$4.98.

McFADDEN'S
SHIRTS, HATS, SHOES,
1316 TO 1322 MARKET STREET, WHEELING.

MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's Progressive Neighbor.

Yesterday, at 12:30 o'clock, after a lingering illness of several months' duration, occurred the death of one of Martin's Ferry's well known citizens, Wayland Chalmers Sedgwick, at his home, on Concord street. While deceased was not a sound man, physically, for about ten years, it was not until about five months ago, that his condition became alarming, and since that time he has almost constantly been hovering between life and death, suffering untold agony, which was relieved only by death. Mr. Sedgwick, while having spent most of his life on his farm, near Glenn's Run, and having lived in the city only a couple of years, was known to almost every resident in the place, and where ever known was respected. Deceased was born at Rock Hill, back of Bellaire, November 11, 1851. He leaves a wife, four daughters and one son to mourn his loss, the latter being a private in a company of infantry now stationed in the Philippines. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, and will be in charge of the Knights of Pythias, of which deceased was a member. The interment will follow at Riverview cemetery.

Mary Baker, of Raineytown, was in the city yesterday afternoon, and visited the square, preferring charges against Anna Cook and Sadie Hamilton, of the same place, charging them with slander. The two women will be brought down probably to-day to answer to the charge.

Stanton McMahon, who was arrested several days ago on a charge of forgery was arraigned before Mayor Goodhue yesterday, and plead not guilty. His trial was consequently set for 9 o'clock this morning.

Rev. A. A. Perrins, of Bedford, O., has declined to accept the call from the Baptist church of this city, for the reason that he does not think the climate would agree with him.

The Thimble Bee will be entertained to-morrow afternoon by Mrs. William Dixon and Miss Mayme Thomas, in honor of Mrs. Edgar Bedford, at their home, on Hanover street.

The Knights of Pythias will meet at their hall to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, and will march in full dress up Broadway to meet the Bellaire and Wheeling companies.

The funeral of Jesse Robinson took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, on Main street, and interment followed at Riverview cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell have returned to their home, in Toledo, after a three weeks' visit with the former's parents, on Tenth street.

Miss Mabel Hobensack has returned to her home in Pittsburgh, after a week's visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. Anna Horcher was fined \$5 and costs yesterday by Mayor Goodhue for using obscene language.

R. T. Ong was in Smithfield yesterday afternoon, attending the reunion of the Ong family.

The National Glass Company's plant will in all probability resume Monday next.

Dr. W. E. Hervey, of Pittsburgh, is calling on friends in the city.

Miss Margaret Smylie is very ill at her home, on Walnut street.

E. J. A. Drennen has gone to Ann Arbor, Mich., on business.

Hipkins Mould Works has been shut down for a few days.

The work of paving Center street is progressing rapidly.

BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the End of the Bridge.

The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling will run an excursion to this city from Cleveland and Lorain August 5. It will be one of the largest excursions runover the road this season. It is expected that it will require in the neighborhood of forty cars to accommodate the people, and two divisions will be run from Cleveland and one from Lorain.

W. B. Hall, R. R. Barrett, J. B. Lee, of this city, and Dr. Samuel West, of St. Clairsville, leave to-morrow for Baltimore, at which place they will take a steamer for a ten days' cruise in the Atlantic ocean.

David Boston sold his grocery store on Bank street yesterday to Mr. John Porter, who will conduct the business at the same stand. Mr. Boston for the present will devote all his time to the coal business.

Misses Reed and Anderson, who have been the guests of Mrs. N. V. F. Wilson, in Kirkwood, for the past week, returned yesterday to their home, in Pittsburgh.

A crowd of young people of this city drove out to the Wayside Inn, at Colebrook, last evening, where they had supper.

Oliver Howells returned yesterday from Youngstown, having resigned his position in the mill at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dougherty and son left yesterday for Woodsfield, to spend the week with relatives.

John Graham returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit with his parents, at Wooster, Ohio.

Mrs. S. J. Seccrest leaves to-morrow for Solo to spend a couple of weeks with her sisters.

The Knights of Pythias have two candidates for the third degree to-morrow evening.

Mrs